

18 February 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Subject: Progress of COCOM Downgrading Project (Chronology)

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1. PGTO 861 of 11 Nov 54 received in Branch on 12 November.
2. 19 November - called [REDACTED] who indicated no definite assignment to EDIC. He will check documents and call.
3. Spoke on 19 November with [REDACTED] They are to meet 25X1A9a and [REDACTED] will present case to EDIC.
4. 1 December meeting of EDIC where consideration given to outgoing cable. Members to report agency reaction by 2 December.
- 25X1A9a 5. 2 December - [REDACTED] wanted CIA position for Executive Committee meeting. Met with Ch/G to get this information. EC meeting postponed.
- 25X1A9a 6. 6 December - called [REDACTED] to line up meeting for discussion problem. Set tentatively for 7 December.
- 25X1A9a 7. Conference on 7 December with [REDACTED] I was instructed to handle and convey changes in outgoing cable to [REDACTED] with TI-CD meeting postponed to after-the-fact briefing.
- 25X1A9a 8. Talked with [REDACTED] called [REDACTED] in CIA Library. 25X1A9a
- 25X1A9a 9. 15 December - called [REDACTED] to obtain list of documents; has none. Arranged for [REDACTED] to see [REDACTED] on 16 December. 25X1A9a
- 25X1A9a 10. 17 December - talked over with [REDACTED] he felt my memorandum in order and suggested cable to Paris for complete list documents. Called [REDACTED] borrowed Commerce document; [REDACTED] suggested talking with [REDACTED] 21 December
- 25X1A9a 11. 22 December - [REDACTED] called re [REDACTED] list adequacy. Worked all afternoon, drafting two memos neither of which used. Ch/D/E instructed me take 10 percent sample and report recommendations. Determination to be put up to responsible officials Agency.
12. 3 January 1955 - did preliminary work on analysis documents.
13. 5 January - advised Ch/D/E of problems connected with project, suggesting that other offices be advised. He indicated I should proceed with sampling. [REDACTED] advised Defense did not object to downgrading and no service intelligence had gone to COCOM.
- 25X1A9a 14. 7 January - talked with Ch/C on procedures for downgrading.
15. 11 January - Ch/C approved my plan for making recommendations on COCOM.
16. 14 January - worked most of day in surveying COCOM documents.
17. 17 January - was instructed by Ch/C to push inventory and downgrading.
18. 20 January - Ch/D/E criticized my handling of COCOM project, indicating that time was running out and that he was not going to get involved in my problem. I explained progress and indicated differences as to approach favored by himself and Ch/C.
19. 24 January - worked on COCOM project.
20. 25 January - produced memorandum - Report on Survey of Documents which fulfilled requirements of Ch/D/E and requested additional action.

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21. 27 January - called [REDACTED] re 1385. He advised of outgoing.  
22. 27 January - long discussion with [REDACTED] prepared and discussed 25X1A9a  
drafts of paper with [REDACTED] and Ch/D/E. 25X1A9a  
23. 31 January - spoke with Ch/D/E on project.  
24. 2 February - Ch/D/E instructed me devote equal time to inventory  
and downgrading and to accept no other jobs till these done.  
25. 3 February - talked over with Ch/D/E - he suggested memo to Ch/C.  
26. 7 February - Division Staff meeting where turn-in of documents  
requested by Chief.. Discussed with Ch/C.  
27. 10 February - prepared draft report - Provisional CIA Position  
on Downgrading of Documents.  
28. 11 February - Ch/C advised approval of draft memo - notified Ch/D/E  
by memo of this approval and requested three-way discussion to  
resolve differences. Ch/D/E had indicated disapproval of memorandum.  
Asked if I had looked at each document (Ch/C). Ch/D/E indicated  
we would meet on this first of week. (Week of 14-18 February)  
29. 17 February - scanned some 50 documents.  
30. 18 February - requested [REDACTED] to notify Ch/D/E I wished to  
discuss COCOM. No response. Continued to scan documents.

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Appendix

1. 8 December - circulated memorandum to each desk in D/E asking return  
of all documents.
2. 28 January - produced Progress Report No. 1 on Downgrading. Sent  
to Ch/C on 31 January after revisions. Was returned with comments.